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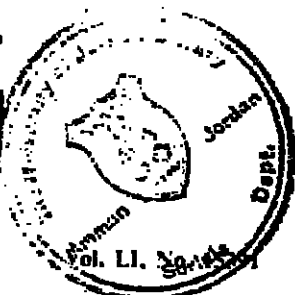
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Assad opposed to separation of forces

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — A Syrian cabinet minister declared yesterday that President Hafez Assad's government rejects a separation of forces agreement with Israel in Lebanon.

Culture Minister Najah Attar announced the rejection in an article published by the Damascus government newspaper *Tishrin* as U.S. presidential envoy Robert McFarlane discussed the Lebanon crisis with Saudi Arabian leaders in Taif.

Mrs. Attar said in the front-page article that Syria would not withdraw its 50,000 troops from northern and eastern Lebanon unless Israel unconditionally withdraws its forces from southern Lebanon.

Her article appeared a day after McFarlane apparently failed in six hours of talks with Assad in Damascus to soften Syria's opposition to the Lebanese-Israeli troop withdrawal pact.

Assad was quoted by the state-run Syrian news media as having told McFarlane that the May 17 withdrawal agreement "turns Lebanon into an Israeli protectorate."

Robert McFarlane came to us

with an empty bag," Mrs. Attar said. "We refuse the policy of partial withdrawal because it concentrates the Israeli occupation of southern Lebanon. We also refuse a disengagement in the Bekaa because it helps the policy of partial withdrawal."

Meanwhile, McFarlane appeared to have received a cool welcome on his first visit to Saudi Arabia since he replaced Philip Habib.

The envoy arrived in Saudi Arabia Sunday night, but by late yesterday the only official he had seen was the new Saudi ambassador to Washington, Prince Bandar bin Sultan, diplomatic sources said.

The U.S. envoy, who is expected to seek Saudi backing for U.S. efforts to secure the withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon, spent much of the day waiting for a meeting with King Fahd at the Saudi summer resort of Taif, southeast of Jeddah.

The king had meetings during the day with Turkish finance minister Adnan Baser Kafaoglu and Kuwaiti foreign minister Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmed al-Sabah, and the weekly cabinet meeting was scheduled for the evening (AP/Reuters).

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A crowd gathers at the site of the explosion on Sunday at the market place of the Syrian controlled town of Baalbek where 35 persons were killed. (UPI telephoto)

Tami threat to leave coalition over cuts

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Tami yesterday threatened to leave the Government coalition if the planned economic measures harm the poor unduly.

The party is unhappy with some proposals — for example the cut in children's allowances — but did not single out any specific issue over which it would leave Prime Minister Menachem Begin's government. Instead, "readiness to consider all proposals," was expressed.

The matter was discussed at the 55-member executive meeting which met here at party headquarters. The speeches were accompanied with praise for party chairman Aharon Abuhatzira who was sentenced on Sunday to three months imprisonment for fraud and embezzlement. Some speakers were highly emotional and Social Affairs and Labour Minister Aharon Uzan wept when he talked about the hardships to which Abuhatzira had been subjected.

Nevertheless, Uzan told reporters, his party would "definitely not" quit the coalition over the Abuhatzira affair.

If it leaves the coalition, it would be over social and economic issues. If Tami left the coalition, Begin would be left with only 60 supporters in the 120-member Knesset.

The formal resolution, adopted unanimously at the Tami executive meeting said "any economic plan brought to the cabinet and approved by it must win the consent and cooperation of Tami. An economic plan which does not meet Tami's criteria will not be accepted."

Uzan was more explicit when he told reporters that he had presented proposals for economic measures. "I don't think my plan is necessarily

the best one," he said modestly. Either we will be convinced, or the others will convince us. But if neither of these things happen, we will not be able to bear this responsibility. Asked what he meant, he said: "It means leaving the government."

However, he was careful not to present this statement as an ultimatum. He said Tami was not threatening. "This decision must be taken after much consideration...and I say I'm ready to be convinced."

The guiding principle should be that the main burden must fall on the rich, Uzan said. "All citizens must share the economic burden, but the standard of living of the rich must be lowered considerably and that of the poor only a little," he said.

Uzan opposed plans to cut children's allowances. Before doing that the government should stop subsidizing capital. "The money saved will cover all children in the country," he maintained.

Abuhatzira, who had been Religious Affairs Minister before his trial, strongly criticized Finance Minister Yoram Aridor.

Abuhatzira told the meeting Tami will not support Aridor's proposed measures unless they are part of an overall plan. He said his party insisted on an overall plan because that would be an admission that Aridor's past policy was wrong, he said.

Abuhatzira accused Aridor of creating a false sense of prosperity before the last Knesset elections in order to win them. He recalled that after the elections Health Minister Eliezer Shostak said: "Now let's implement an economic policy," but Aridor, who did not want to admit he had been motivated by the elec-

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Ministers discussing secret fiscal scheme

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

The Ministerial Economic Committee yesterday held what Treasury officials called "secret discussions" on additional economic measures. During that part of their session, the ministers asked their aides to leave the room. No details were given about what was discussed.

The meeting is to continue today.

Some economic observers, who speculated that the Treasury's economic plan may be a cover for more fundamental changes, said that matters such as taxation of current accounts, stepped-up devaluation of the shekel and measures to encourage savings were probably discussed.

The committee yesterday also heard the Treasury's detailed plans for implementing the proposed IS55 billion budget cut. The Treasury's budget director told the ministers that the Treasury plans to cut about IS20 billion from the Defence Ministry budget and about IS35 from welfare payments and economic activities. (see below.)

He said that the Treasury has no intention of harming security or defence production and that he is prepared to hear suggestions from the Defence Ministry on how to implement the IS20b. cut.

Defence Minister Moshe Arens and the ministry's director-general Menachem Meron, who were present at the meeting, said the defence establishment is opposed to the proposed cuts. The maximum budget cut which could be envisaged is about IS5b.

Finance Minister Yoram Aridor responded by saying that the war in Lebanon has made changes in the defence economic system necessary and hinted that the size of the army could be reduced.

"There is no way that the defence budget can be cut by IS20b, without the country's security being affected," according to a senior source in the Defence Ministry.

Speaking to *The Jerusalem Post* last night, the source said that any cuts in the defence budget over what the Defence Ministry thinks is the maximum, will have to be taken by the entire cabinet.

He said that there is no fat left to cut, and that any cut near or around the IS20b, suggested by the finance minister would affect Israel's ability to defend itself for years to come.

He noted that the Lebanese redeployment will cost IS16b, and that it costs around IS50 million per day to keep the army in Lebanon. He also noted that the Americans have not been forthcoming with financial aid for the Lavi fighter project. He argued that in recent

years the defence budget's portion of the gross national product had dropped from one third to one quarter.

"There is no way we can sustain any more cuts, while being asked to maintain a presence in Lebanon, and at the same time keep the Israeli armed forces at the forefront of developing technology," he said.

Labour and Social Affairs Minister Aharon Uzan said that some of the proposals presented by the Treasury, especially those dealing with child allowances, are unacceptable.

Uzan added that he will present the committee with his own suggestions for possible cuts, based on dropping certain economic projects from the budget, and referring them to the private sector of the economy. (Uzan is thought to refer to housing projects and the Dead Sea-Mediterranean canal project amongst others.)

Senior government officials told *The Post* after the meeting that there is no way greater unemployment can be avoided if the proposed Treasury plan is accepted. "It will not be large unemployment, but it will be enough to convince people that they must save more and waste less," they added.

Top officials of both the Health Ministry and Kupat Holim Clalit last night declined to react to the

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Welfare and school cuts, higher health fees

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

The Treasury yesterday presented the Ministerial Economic Committee with a package of proposed budget cuts based on a IS35 billion curtailment of welfare and economic activities and a IS20 billion reduction in defence expenditure, it was learned.

The proposal calls for a slash in welfare payments and allowances, higher health-fund fees, cuts in the local authorities' work-force, curtailment of extra-curricular activities in primary and secondary schools, and abolition of maternity grants.

The Treasury wants to impose a 35 per cent tax on old-age pensions, payable by pensioners who earn more than a minimum income and who do not receive social benefits. This measure would save about IS5.3 billion.

Children's allowances for the first two children in families with fewer

than four children would be taxable, saving the Treasury an estimated IS5.4 billion. This means that a family with three children would pay taxes on the allowances received for the first two.

Abolition of maternity grants would save about IS600 million, and reduction of benefits and tax exemptions for invalids buying automobiles another IS200 million.

The Treasury also proposes to save some IS200m, by taxing the pensions of retired persons below the age of 60, a measure that would affect army reserve officers in particular.

The retirement age for women would be raised from 60 to 62, for a saving of IS300m. in old-age pensioners.

With respect to the schools, the Treasury proposes the abolition of six hours of extra-curricular activities, thus reducing the number of weekly hours that pupils spend in school from 32 to 26. This measure

would not apply to schools in distressed neighbourhoods or towns. Parents who wish to continue with the same number of hours would be able to do so by financing the six extra hours from their own pockets.

This proposal was put forward instead of the mooted abolition of free secondary education, and it will save about IS5.5b. and will result in a reduction in hours equivalent to 8,300 employees.

Health-fund patients visiting a doctor for the first time would have to pay IS350, and the fees paid by patients for medicines on health-fund prescriptions would be doubled.

The Treasury announced that it will no longer finance the deficits of the health funds, particularly the Histadrut's Kupat Holim Clalit. It has also demanded that the latter reduce its payments to the Histadrut. In short, the Treasury ex-

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Jemayel's enemies threaten revenge for car bombings

DAMASCUS (AP). — Syrian-backed opponents of Lebanese president Amin Jemayel's government yesterday threatened a violent retaliation to car-bomb explosions that killed at least 55 persons in Syrian-controlled parts of Lebanon in the last three days.

"The threat came in a statement issued by the national council of the 'National Salvation Front,' an opposition group set up last month with the avowed aims of scuttling the Lebanese-Israeli troop withdrawal pact and preventing Christian hegemony in Lebanon.

The statement accused Jemayel's regime and his father's rightist Christian Phalange party of responsibility for the car bombings.

The statement charged that the Jemayel government was responsi-

ble for car bombings in the northern Lebanese port of Tripoli and eastern Lebanon's ancient city of Baalbek on Friday and Sunday "in coordination with the Phalange party."

"Continuation of the wave of violence and explosions in the national areas of Lebanon will make the violence affect everybody," said the statement issued here after a meeting of the Salvation Front's national council held under Druse leader Walid Jumblatt, head of Lebanon's Progressive Socialist Party.

The Salvation Front calls the Bekaa and northern Lebanon "national areas," and it promised in its founding charter to set up commissions to run their political, military, financial, and social affairs. The committees have not been formed yet.

Former Lebanese president Suleiman Franjeh, a Maronite Christian, and ex-prime minister Rashid Karami, a Sunni Moslem, form the Front's presidency council together with Jumblatt.

The statement also called on rival PLO factions to "stop fighting in Lebanon once and for all."

The statement said the fighting in the Bekaa over the last two months had "drastic" effects on the Lebanese people and warned that if the PLO factions continued to fight the Front would take "effective field measures to ensure protection of the Lebanese citizens."

The statement was issued as searchers sifted through the rubble

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Arad in shock after jets crash the sound barrier

By LIORA MORIEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

ARAD. — A special investigating committee has been set up by the Air Force following the personal visit of Air Force Commander Amos Lapidot, who came to inspect the havoc wreaked when two jet fighters broke the sound barrier over this Negev town yesterday.

A hundred complaints were lodged within three hours, as windows, solar heaters, and even the marble facade of a building were shattered or broken and an acoustic ceiling fell down in a metal works factory.

Nobody was injured, but the material damage is estimated at millions of shekels.

The town's three glaziers were kept busy, with dozens of store fronts and hundreds of windows to replace.

One of the three found that his entire supply of glass panes had also been shattered. Orders for glass were quickly placed in Beersheba.

Eyewitnesses said that the boom from one of the jets caused houses to sway. They said the second jet swooped down low, and even flew over the town, causing a great explosive sound and general panic.

Some people dropped to the ground, thinking that this was an enemy attack.

Store-owners organized overnight patrols to guard their wares from looters.

Mayor Avraham Shohat was on vacation, but a task-force quickly formed in the local council, headed by Deputy Mayor Bezalel Tabib.

A high-ranking Air Force officer arrived just after noon, and later Lapidot himself came to inspect the damage.

Military coup in Guatemala

Montt toppled after military talks in Honduras

GUATEMALA CITY (AP). — Defence Minister Oscar Humberto Mejia Victores seized control of the government yesterday in a military coup, replacing Gen. Efraim Rios Montt, the national radio reported.

There were unconfirmed reports from witnesses that shots were fired near the national palace. Police were blocking access to the centre of the capital, where the palace is located.

The whereabouts of Mejia Victores and Rios Montt were unknown.

The action came after a weekend meeting in Tegucigalpa, Honduras,

between Mejia Victores and Brig. Gen. Frederick Woerner, commander of U.S. army forces in Panama. Woerner is second ranking to Gen. Paul Gorman in the U.S. southern command.

Also present in Tegucigalpa were Honduran military commander Gen. Gustavo Alvarez Martinez and El Salvador's defence minister, Gen. Eugenio Vides Casanova. The U.S. embassy here said the meetings involved preparations for extensive American military maneuvers, this month in Honduras.

A communique issued by the Guatemalan military command and

read on a nationwide broadcast said Rios Montt was deposed after analyzing "the situation created by a small group which for personal ambitions wants to perpetuate its power," the decree said.

Prior to the announcement, more than a dozen air force planes and helicopters circled the national palace, site of the presidential office, and military installations in the Guatemalan capital.

The radio said the military, including the commanders of the land, air and naval forces, charged that "a religious and fanatic group

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Gaza	18	19-29	29
Beer Sheva	16	17-27	27
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ANC blamed for Jo'burg synagogue explosion

JOHANNESBURG (AP). — The explosion that wrecked the interior of Temple Israel here on Saturday morning was caused by a limpet mine planted by the banned African National Congress, Major-General Frans Steenkamp of the security police said late Sunday.

"Remains of a limpet mine of Soviet origin were found at the scene," Steenkamp said. "Similar types of limpet mines have been used only by the ANC in previous attacks in the country. This leads me to believe the ANC was behind the attack."

The ANC is the main black nationalist group seeking to overthrow white-minority rule. State President Marais Viljoen, Israeli ambassador Eliahu Lankin, and other dignitaries were scheduled to attend a service at the synagogue to celebrate 50 years of Progressive Judaism in Johannesburg.

Complaint to police about 'Post' article

The police have begun inquiries into a private criminal complaint that an article that appeared in the *Jerusalem Post* last Friday is defamatory. The complaint was lodged by Meir Kahane, of the Kach group. He alleges that the article is liable to justify attacks on Jews.

RECORD. — The number of passengers passing through Ben-Gurion Airport this year may exceed the past record of 2.5m.

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Saudis won't press Syria to pull out

RIYADH (AP). — Any hope that Saudi Arabia can or will pressure Syria into withdrawing its troops from Lebanon is nearly finished, according to Western diplomats and Saudi officials in Riyadh.

"The Saudis never had any intention of applying any serious pressure on the Syrians. In fact, it's the Syrians who are pressuring the Saudis," one Western diplomat told the Associated Press.

The Saudi attitude leaves little expectation among either Western diplomats or Saudis that the deadlocked and deteriorating Lebanese situation can be solved in the near future, despite the efforts of the new U.S. special Middle East envoy, Robert McFarlane.

The U.S. administration placed great reliance on the wealthy and apparently powerful Saudis earlier this year, after Syria flatly rejected the Lebanese-Israeli withdrawal agreement.

The Saudis have not backed Syria in its rejection of the pact. But they have not applied the kind of pressure on Syria the Reagan administration expected.

Saudis and many Western diplomats say the U.S. expectations were unrealistic.

"They (the Saudis) are willing to talk to the Syrians. But they cannot

and will not do anything more, such as apply economic pressure," the diplomat said.

The only active role the Saudis can be expected to play is to provide the money the Syrians will probably want as part of any deal that might be worked out by others, according to several Western diplomats and observers.

All the diplomats and Saudi officials interviewed asked not to be identified because they wished to avoid problems with the Saudi government, which is extremely sensitive on political issues.

A senior Saudi official agreed with the diplomat, saying he could not understand why the U.S. expected the Saudis to push Syria into accepting the Israeli-Lebanese agreement, or a proposed parallel bilateral pact between Syria and Lebanon.

"We have never pushed any Arab country into doing something it really did not want to do," the official said. "The Syrians have very strong objections to this matter. We cannot make them accept (a withdrawal agreement)."

The Saudi official said at least five delegations, led by such high-ranking officials as Crown Prince Abdullah, have visited Damascus, and Syrian Foreign Minister Abdel

Halim Khaddam was in Saudi Arabia to meet with King Fahd two weeks ago.

The Syrians have remained adamant and the talks have accomplished little, he said.

"We still don't even know what they really want," the official said. There have been reports that the Syrians may eventually settle for something less than an unconditional Israeli withdrawal, such as an agreement by the U.S. to try to get Israel to negotiate over the Golan Heights.

Another Western diplomat noted that Saudi Arabia has been unsuccessful for several years in applying pressure on Syria over the Iran-Iraq war — a problem the Saudis are much more concerned about than Lebanon.

"The Saudis have been trying to get the oil pipeline (from Iraq through Syria) reopened for years, but haven't been able to do it. They want Syria to lessen its support for Iran, but haven't been able to get that," he said. "Why should they be more successful over Lebanon?"

"McFarlane will accomplish nothing in Syria," the diplomat predicted. "Assad has all the keys. He hasn't said that he wants yet, except to get the Israelis out of Lebanon. He can do anything."

Atlit at 80 wants a new, non-farming image

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER

Jerusalem Post Reporter

ATLIT. — This village south of Haifa which will celebrate its 80th anniversary tomorrow, is still trying to live down its image as a "rich farmers' place."

Local council chairman Mordechai Amar told the press last week that in fact less than a dozen farming families are left, including Deputy Agriculture Minister Pessah Grupper, but the old image persisted and made it hard to persuade the authorities to "give us the aid we deserve."

Most of the old-time farmers lost much of their assets in the sixties, when the late Moshe Dayan, then

agriculture minister, put through his "farming only for farmers" scheme.

Today Atlit numbers 3,000 residents. It has no unemployment and no social welfare cases. The men work in the local salt works or military installations, or commute to work in Haifa. The few remaining farmers employ Arab hired hands, because the others "have better paying jobs."

Amar, 36, who heads a six man National Religious Party-Likud coalition on the nine member council, said he was leaving the NRP, together with one other member of the three-man faction, to join Tami and run for mayor as head of a joint Tami-Likud list in the forthcoming

elections.

The council has appealed to the authorities to grant Atlit a number of "birthday gifts." They want the passenger trains to stop more often, the old housing to be included in Project Renewal, and some 500 dunam of land unfrozen for new housing. The local council has issued a call to young couples to come to Atlit and build their homes on ground already being prepared for the purpose.

Atlit was established by 12 farming families from Zichron Ya'acov on orders of Baron de Rothschild. In 1922 the Baron established the salt works to provide work for Jewish labour.

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tions, said his policy was just fine. Throughout the meeting it was clear that Abuhazzeira was the unchallenged leader. Members repeatedly expressed their unwavering support — despite the Supreme Court's ruling.

Some felt it was their traditional system which was on trial. "It's not Abuhazzeira who was tried. It was the Oriental culture," committee member Meir Azrad declared.

"What court based on English law can understand the concept of a fund which was developed in Morocco and Tunis?" Azrad asked, alluding to the fund from which Abuhazzeira helped himself.

Moshe Asulin maintained the whole trial was politically motivated. "It's wrong to think the politicians wanted Aharon's (head). They wanted Tami's head and body," he added.

Justice Minister Moshe Nissim told KOL Yisrael yesterday that not even the slightest aspersion should be cast on the country's courts, whose decisions are arrived at in complete independence.

Man gets jail sentence for spitting at Kolk

A Jerusalem man who spat at and insulted Mayor Teddy Kolk was sentenced in Jerusalem District Court yesterday to 100 days in prison and given a further 10 months suspended sentence.

David Langer, 31, waited for Kolk at the entrance to the municipality building on July 26, and when the mayor arrived spat at him and abused him. He was charged with assaulting and insulting a public servant.

District Judge Zailer Vardimur noted in his verdict that the practice of insulting and attacking public persons is slowly becoming an accepted practice and punishments must be imposed that express the deep revulsion these acts evoke. (Him)

Early Nigerian results give Shagari big lead

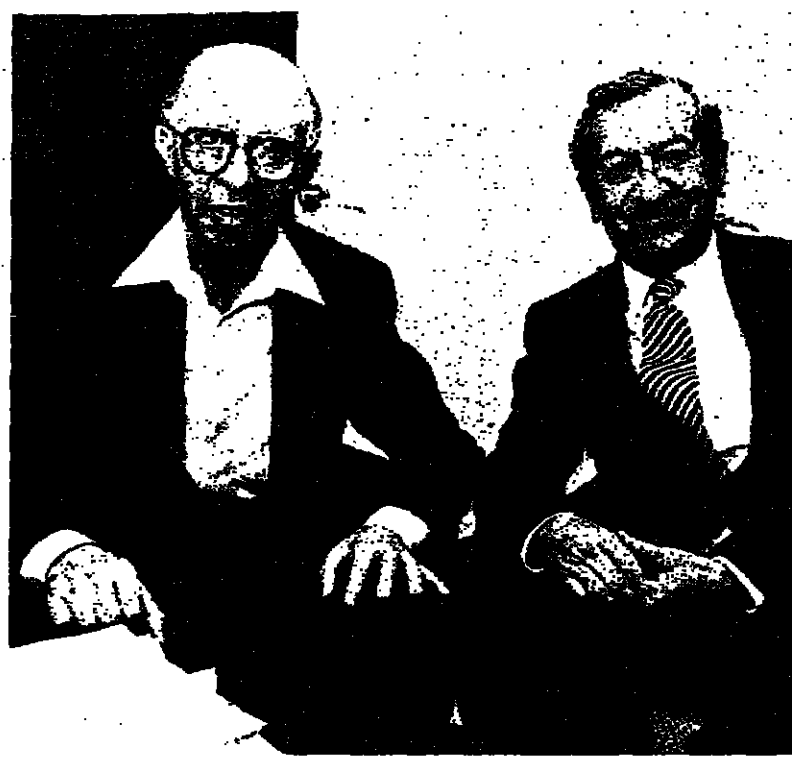
LAGOS (AP). — The first results from Saturday's Nigerian presidential election gave incumbent Shehu Shagari an overwhelming majority in the federal capital territory of Abuja, the news agency of Nigeria reported yesterday.

But more broadly-based results from the 19 states still were being compiled, according to the Federal Election Commission. First results from the states were expected late last night.

The official news agency said Shagari polled 127,372 votes in Nigeria's new federal capital, compared with 4,156 for Dr. Nnamdi Azikiwe and 1,102 for Chief Obafemi Awolowo, his main rivals.

DOCTORS. — Eleven physicians, 10 of them from the Soviet Union, completed a special one-year course for new immigrant doctors yesterday at Meir Hospital in Kfar Sava.

INTEREST RATES. — Several major American banks raised their prime lending rates by one-half percentage point to 11 percent yesterday morning, the highest level in nearly six months.



Shlomo Toussia-Cohen with Prime Minister Menachem Begin, who gave the Likud candidate for mayor of Jerusalem his blessings yesterday. (Rahamim Israeli)

Hundreds welcome 'exiles' on return to Mea Shearim

By MICHAEL ELIAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A crowd of several hundred *haredim* last night greeted some of the 15 "exiles" from Mea Shearim who returned to Jerusalem after the lifting of a court order banning them from town.

The ceremonial greeting on Rehov Malchei Yisrael about 9.30 last night followed intensive negotiations which led to police agreement to file a new request with the Jerusalem Magistrates Court to allow the *haredim* to return to Mea Shearim. All 15 men are awaiting trial on charges of taking a violent part in demonstrations in Kikar Shabbat nearly a month ago.

The 15 were originally ordered to be detained until the end of their

trial, but they were released following pressure from Agudat Yisrael. Further pressure may have effected the easing of the terms of their release.

The ceremonial greeting for the men followed a two-hour mass meeting in Mea Shearim to protest against the arrest before dawn yesterday of Rabbi Simha Bunin Waldenberg, one of the leaders of the *eda haredit*. Rabbi Waldenberg was taken from his home and questioned on suspicion of incitement because of a speech he made during a "grand demonstration" in Mea Shearim on Sunday night in protest against the archeological dig at the City of David.

He was released later in the day, before the demonstration.

Internal tourism ads ruled OK for TV

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Four of the six public service ads produced to promote internal tourism will return to the TV screen soon, following authorization by acting Attorney-General Meir Gabai.

Last week, Broadcasting Authority director-general Yosef Lapid consulted by telephone with Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir, who said that the internal tourism advertisements, produced and financed by the Tourism Ministry could conceivably be construed as helping incumbent mayors running for re-election this fall. Lapid took the ads off the air, arousing a protest from Tourism Minister Avraham Shari.

Gabai said that the ads promoting Haifa, Ashkelon, Tiberias and one of the three commercials for Tel Aviv were acceptable. Two other Tel Aviv announcements were declared improper by Gabai, since

the jingle used as background music emphasized the advantages of living in Tel Aviv, rather than the attractions to tourists. The radio ads for these two were also ruled improper for the same reason.

Gabai also ruled against a service ad for the municipal emergency service unit in Haifa produced by the Haifa municipality. He explained that the service unit has been providing its assistance for a long time, and publicizing it a few months before the elections was unjustified.

Only those advertisements connected with "encouraging" local tourism should be broadcast in the pre-election period, said Gabai. TV director Tuviya Sa'ar instructed staffers to return the four permitted ads to the air, and to change the jingle on the other two so that they can be broadcast again. They will be screened until the end of September.

Restored *torah* crown dedicated

By YIGAL BICHCOV

Jerusalem Post Reporter

RA'ANANA. — The replica of a *torah* crown burned or stolen on Crystal Night in November 1938 was consecrated here Sunday as a gift from the mayor and citizens of Wuppertal, Germany, where the original crown was lost.

Max Banker told the assembled congregation, which included German Ambassador Niels Hansen, the story of the crown's destruction and its restoration. He related that on Crystal Night, his late father Aharon Menahem Banker, one of the community's leaders, had made his way to the synagogue to see what the damage was and save whatever he could. He was absent several hours and eventually returned bearing two *torah* scrolls, the larger of which was minus its crown and badly damaged.

A year later, the family came to Palestine and settled in Ra'anana, where the smaller scroll was given to a small neighbourhood synagogue. But it was not until the Bankers received reparations from Germany in 1951 that Aharon Banker was able to repair the larger scroll, employing a scribe to re-write the damaged portions. Yet the scroll still lacked its crown.

Two years ago, Max Banker was invited to visit his home town. During a meeting with Wuppertal's mayor, he told the story of the crown's loss. The mayor immediately undertook to pay for the crafting of a replica, which was made in Bnei Brak from drawings and photographs collected by Banker.

On Sunday, Chancellor Helmut Kohl sent the Bankers a congratulatory cable which was read during the ceremony.

IDF officer buried

TEL AVIV. — Segen-Mishne Yehuda Metzger, 21, was buried yesterday at a military funeral in the military cemetery in Kiryat Shaul.

Metzger had been wounded in a terrorist ambush near Bhamdoun in Lebanon on May 29.

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in Baalbek's market for more victims of Sunday's car bombing that killed 35 persons and wounded 133. Baalbek residents staged a general strike yesterday to protest against the bombing.

Most of the dead were buried in a mass grave before sundown Sunday, six hours after a car laden with 100kg. of explosives devastated the crowded market in the predominantly Shiite Moslem city of 40,000 inhabitants.

Schools, shops and banks were closed yesterday in a "day of mourning" called by Baalbek's notables and the local pro-Iranian militia that runs the city in east Lebanon's Syrian-controlled Bekaa Valley, police reported.

It was the second massive car bombing in Syrian-controlled Lebanese territory in three days. A remote-controlled car bomb destroyed a Sunni Moslem mosque in Lebanon's northern city of Tripoli during midday prayers on Friday, killing at least 20 worshippers.

IDF soldier injured by stones in Nablus

NABLUS (Iltim). — An Israeli soldier suffered light head injuries here yesterday, when stones were thrown at buses carrying soldiers. The injuries were caused by flying glass.

Another army bus was stoned at the Askar refugee camp near here. Local police commander Gabby Eshton pursued the stone-throwers on foot, and managed to arrest three suspects.

WELFARE CUTS

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pects the sick funds to raise their fees.

Local authorities would have to cope with a 151.3b. cut in government grants. The Treasury has told the municipalities that if they want more funds they should raise municipal taxes.

The labour force in government ministries would be cut by about 2 per cent, or some 2,000 employees. No new civil servants will be hired.

The employees affected by these measures would not be fired, but would be put in a special pool of civil servants, where they would remain until they found new jobs. They would continue to receive basic wages, but not special payments. This step is expected to save some 152b.

The welfare activities of the Housing Ministry would be cut by some 151.6b. This will also affect programmes related to Project Renewal.

The number of paid employees of the Civil Defence would be halved, from 480 to 240.

The Treasury further proposes to re-examine the profitability of the Mediterranean-Dead Sea project, to raise interest charges on subsidized development loans to industry, and to reduce the subsidy on water. These steps are expected to yield 152.3b.

Money to yeshivot may be reduced, if the Religious Affairs Ministry's budget is cut by the 15400m. as the Treasury proposes. The Immigrant Absorption Ministry is slated for a 15340m. budget slash, and the Labour and Social Affairs Ministry for a 151 billion cut.

The Treasury plans to examine public transport and to abolish non-profitable routes. This will enable a 5 per cent cut in the Transport Ministry budget, since it will mean less subsidies for the bus cooperatives.

Also proposed is a 155m. cut in the budget of the Broadcasting Authority, and the transfer of the collection of television fees to the Electric Corporation.

FISCAL PLANS

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steps proposed by the Treasury, noting that the exact nature of the measures has not been fully explained by the Finance Ministry. But Kupa Holim officials agreed with the statement of Histadrut secretary-general Yehoram Meshel, who said that the policy of the sick fund has always been clear: members should not have to pay anything beyond their monthly dues.

Commenting on the proposal to cut back on Treasury participation in Kupa Holim's annual budget, the sources noted that the Treasury share has already declined from a high of 30 per cent five years ago to its present 10 per cent share. "What's left to cut?" the sources asked.

Histadrut Secretary-General Yehoram Meshel came out yesterday against the Treasury's proposals. He said that if the measures are approved "there would be decisive action by the workers under the Histadrut leadership" and warned that unrest may follow the adoption of the cuts in social benefits.

Hebrew University president Professor Don Patinkin said that the universities will find it very difficult to sustain their teaching and research activities in the face of the cuts.

The Education Ministry spokesman declined to comment on the proposed budget cuts, adding that "we are still in the midst of intensive negotiations with the Treasury."

Those ministers who are not in the cabinet economic committee will be called in one by one today to discuss the cuts proposed for their respective ministries.

Knesset committee stalls electricity price hike

The Knesset Finance Committee yesterday decided to delay approval of a 10 per cent hike in electricity rates until Finance Minister Yoram Aridor appears at the committee to explain the economic measures he intends to introduce.

The hike was requested some 10 days ago by the Treasury and the Energy Ministry as a way of covering increasing deficits in the Electric Corporation.

It is the largest rise in electricity prices proposed by the Treasury since it started implementation of its current economic policy last October. The hikes until now were about five per cent.

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HOME NEWS

95%-plus home loans suggested for olim

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Absorption Ministry is putting the final touches on a scheme to grant mortgages for immigrant apartments that would cover "over 95 per cent" of the cost of the flat, ministry director-general Eli Artzi has disclosed.

Artzi's announcement, made at yesterday's meeting of the Jewish Agency executive, of which he is a member, came a few hours before the Finance Ministry announced intentions of cutting the Absorption Ministry budget by 10 per cent.

The director-general became involved in a tense confrontation during the meeting with Jewish Agency aliyah department chairman Raphael Kolowitz, who pointed out that immigration is on the upswing but that apartments for olim are lacking. He noted that most Western olim are short of \$10-15,000 to buy a flat, not counting mortgage assistance from the government.

Artzi countered that in the past 18 months, the number of olim needing permanent housing has decreased from "40,000 to only 18,000," and that those remaining without a permanent solution are elderly immigrants from the Soviet Union.

"We are in the process of changing the mortgage system so that the loans will cover 'nearly 100 per cent' of the cost of the flat. Most of the loan will be linked to the Cost-of-Living index, and thus the mortgage will not entail much subsidy. The loans will apparently be offered only to families. But instead of the government subsidizing contractors who build government flats in large numbers, the subsidy will go directly to the immigrant," Artzi said. He predicted that the increased mortgages would provide great impetus to Western aliyah.

Arguing about the best ways to attract olim, Artzi told Kolowitz: "Come along with me to France and I'll show you Jews who want to come." He implied that aliyah officials go only into the big cities like Paris and neglect bringing the aliyah message to the all cities in Southern France.

Artzi also reportedly said privately that Housing Minister David Levy is "holding 13,000 flats" that should go to olim and others needing housing until he can "give them out as a pre-election surprise."

Responding to a question by Zionist Council chairman Arye Tzimuki about the need to help founding moshavim, Agency Executive chairman Arye Dulzin said that most of the moshavim ended their connection with the Jewish Agency years ago when they became firmly established and were transferred to the Agriculture Ministry for assistance.

Dulzin said the Agency was not in a position to provide large-scale help to moshavim. But he asked Settlement Department co-chairman Rat'an Weitz, an expert on rural settlement, to prepare a comprehensive plan to help the moshavim.

Dulzin also said that next year, 15 Project Renewal urban slum neighbourhoods will be phased out of the project; and some 30 more over the following two to three years. He maintained that great progress has been made in the neighbourhoods, but that ways must be found to maintain their advances during and after the phase-out period.

2.5 million will cast votes in October local elections

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Binyanei Ha'uma in Jerusalem will serve as the nerve centre for the upcoming municipal elections, with a press room for the news media and a public gallery for citizens eager for minute-to-minute results.

Briefing reporters in the capital yesterday, Election Commissioner Meir Shasham said: "The elections will be held on Tuesday, October 25. The Voters Register shows 2,512,522 persons eligible to cast ballots. We expect a voter turnout of 80 per cent or more, based on past elections." (According to the law, even non-citizen permanent residents may vote in municipal elections though they may not do so in Knesset elections.)

Shasham added that voting booths will be open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., except in places with a population of under 50, where the balloting will end at 8 p.m.

There will be 3,525 ballot boxes. Besides official observers there will be a representative of some security arm — police, Border Police or Israel Defence Forces — at every booth.

The polling, which will cost the Interior Ministry IS61m. in extraordinary expenses, will decide the political makeup of 148 municipalities and local authorities. With a ministry-appointed election clerk standing by, the ballot boxes will be emptied at closing time, the votes tallied and the protocol of results, signed by the clerk, will be reported to election headquarters in Binyanei Ha'uma.

According to Shasham, near-complete results should be known by midnight, but final numbers will take time because of the IDF vote. "Unlike some other countries," he explained, "we have no absentee voting. So, our envoys and other Israelis abroad may not vote. Except for seamen, the only absentee voters this time will be soldiers serving in Lebanon."

Interior Ministry director-general Haim Kubersky said there will be no voting in Israeli population centres in the West Bank "since they are all relatively new, and functioning well with their local governments that have been appointed by the local military governors. Even Kiryat Arba, which has already held two elections, will not be voting this time."

"On the other hand, there will be elections at the new regional council of Katzin. After all, the Golan Heights are now an inseparable part of Israel."

As in the 1978 municipal elections, every contending candidate or party list is entitled to state funding. The Knesset has set this at IS200 per eligible voter. Thus, Jerusalem — with 278,879 eligible voters — will receive IS55,775,800 in accordance with proven results of the election of its 31-member city council. Tel Aviv, also with a 31-member council, will receive IS59,394,400.

A total of approximately IS500m. will be paid out for the October elections.

Nazi criminal Walter Rauff won't be ousted from Chile

By HYAM CORNEY
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — Chile has no intention of extraditing or deporting former SS colonel Walter Rauff, who lives comfortably in a quiet suburb of Santiago. This was made clear by a government official in a British television interview last night.

Rauff was responsible for developing a gas van, which was used to kill some 200,000 Jews, mainly women and children. It was first tested in Sachsenhausen and went into operation in December 1941 in Chelmno. According to the TV programme, Rauff "concerned himself with every last detail" of the performance of the vans. Later they were supplanted by death camps, such as Auschwitz.

Rauff was arrested in Italy in 1945 by American troops, but managed to escape. He first arrived in Chile in 1958.

All attempts to extradite him have failed, and the programme pointed out, "No Chilean government has chosen to use its powers to deport him." He was arrested in 1962 at West Germany's request, but the Chilean Supreme Court released him on statute-of-limitations grounds.

Now, despite the recent arrest in nearby Bolivia and deportation to France of Klaus Barbie, whom a contributor to the TV programme describes as being, "less of a killer than Rauff," the government is standing firm. "This matter has already been dealt with by the Supreme Court when it rejected his extradition," the government spokesman claimed.



Dr. Shimon Dar, the head of a dig at Hurbat Sumka, near Mount Carmel, stands among the pillars from a Byzantine synagogue uncovered at the site, which is located in an army training ground. The dig is sponsored by Bar-Ilan University, the Society for the Protection of Nature and the National Parks Authority.

Jerusalem Post Poll

Public wants law upheld in Judea and Samaria

By MARK SEGAL
Post Political Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — The public feels that the security forces are too lenient with Arab and Jewish law-breakers in Judea and Samaria. Only a portion of the public contended that disturbers of law and order, be they Jew or Arab, were being dealt with too harshly.

The above emerged from the latest Jerusalem Post poll conducted by the Modi'in Ezrahi Research Institute, directed by Dr. Sarah Shemer, during the latter part of July, among a representative sample of 1162 adults.

In answer to the first question, on how people feel the law-enforcing authorities were behaving toward Arab breakers of law and order, 49.4 per cent said they were too lenient, 25.9 per cent thought the treatment fitted the case, 8.9 per cent wanted less harsh methods, and 15.8 per cent were undecided.

In a response to the same question regarding Jewish disruptors of the peace, 43.6 per cent felt that they were being treated too softly, 27.4 per cent held they were being handled properly, 11.4 per cent felt they were dealt with too harshly, while 17.6 per cent remained undecided.

Dr. Shemer said analysis of the results indicated that there was a consensus that law and order should be upheld and those breaking it should be punished, irrespective of whether they were Arabs or Jews.

Soldier jailed for refusing Ansar duty

TEL AVIV. — Samal Ruby Benvagli, a military police reservist, was sentenced recently to 35 days in prison and given another 20 days of suspended sentence for refusal to do reserve duty at the Ansar prison camp, a Yesh Gvul spokesman informed the Post yesterday. Benvagli had already served 28 days in prison for a similar offence.

Twelve men are currently in custody for their refusal to serve in Lebanon. [Ansar — back page]

Water not to blame for Jerusalem sickness

By MARGERY GREENFELD
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jerusalem's drinking water is "clean and pure" and is not connected in any way with an alleged epidemic of gastro-intestinal illnesses in the capital over the past few days, the Jerusalem district health officer, Dr. Yehoshua Stark, said yesterday.

Nor has there been any "significant rise" in the number of persons complaining of stomach disturbances — other than the usual increase in every summer, Stark told The Jerusalem Post.

The diarrhea and vomiting that sent 166 people to the emergency rooms of Jerusalem's four major hospitals during the first eight days of the month was caused mainly by sanitary problems, Stark said.

An increase in the number of flies, combined with improper cleaning of the large garbage bins that are fertile breeding-grounds for bacteria, means increased transmission of such bacteria into places where food is handled, he said.

On the individual level, Stark stressed that failing to wash all fruits and vegetables carefully with soap and water is a major cause of stomach upsets. A "certain amount" of fresh produce grown in fields irrigated with sewage water still finds its way into Jerusalem markets, despite a combined year-round effort by the Health Ministry and the municipality to destroy such fields, he said.

A ministry/municipality team is scheduled to go out today to search for sewage-irrigated fields, and destroy their crops. They are usually located on the outskirts of the city in secluded wadis, Stark said.

Meanwhile, there is "absolutely no need to boil drinking water," Stark said. A review of the daily laboratory tests done on Jerusalem water samples shows that the quality has been "extremely good" throughout July and the first week of August, he said.

Rabid dog in Jlem may have infected humans or house pets

By MICHAEL EILAN
and MARGERY GREENFELD
Jerusalem Post Reporters

Jerusalem veterinary authorities said yesterday a rabid dog that had been wandering around Rehavia until it was caught on July 29 may have communicated the disease.

Anyone who may have come into contact with the dog in the two weeks before it was caught should go immediately to the Jerusalem District Health Office, at 86 Jaffa Road, opposite the police station in Mahane Yehuda. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The veterinary authorities failed to photograph the dog, which could have eased the guess-work of people who fear they may have touched it.

Acting municipal veterinary officer Dr. Arye Litvak elaborated yesterday on the City Hall description of "a large brown dog." He said the brownish dog was a bit smaller than a German shepherd, looked unkempt and neglected, did not have a collar, and had a straggly long-haired tail.

City dog-catchers started yesterday a massive roundup of dogs on the loose. They plan to catch and kill any dog found in the streets without its owner, even if it is wearing a muzzle. Litvak said the dog-catchers will not allow dog owners even a short period of grace in which they may claim their dogs or place them in quarantine.

The rabid dog was caught after it killed a small white poodle puppy in Rehov Aza. The poodle's owner called the city veterinary authorities to take the poodle's body away and then called again because she saw the dog "who looked strange" maul the poodle's body again. The poodle's owner has started the painful course of anti-rabies injections.

She fears that a dark-haired man of medium height whom she does not know may have also touched her dead puppy. The man, who said he lived in the neighbourhood, had volunteered to help her remove the poodle's body, but she does not know if he actually touched it.

Persons who report to the district health office will be asked whether they touched the dog, whether they were scratched or bitten or even licked on the hand. "Then we'll decide whether to proceed with any sort of treatment," the Jerusalem District Health Officer, Dr. Yehoshua Stark, said yesterday.

17 year-old draftees of 1948 war sought

A reunion of Israelis who were drafted as 17-year-olds in the summer of 1948 during the War of Independence and sent to training camps in Kfar Yona and Pardes Hanna, and laid the groundwork for the formation of Nahal, is being planned for this autumn, probably in October.

The organizers of the reunion would like help in locating those who took part in the training. Information should be sent to Yisrael Kastenberga, Moshe Sharett 9, Kiryat Haim 26260; Phone 04-720261.

Knesset delegation in Bogota on official visit

A Knesset delegation headed by Knesset Speaker Menahem Savidor arrived on Sunday in Bogota as guests of the Colombian parliament.

Savidor said the delegation will explain Israel's positions, but the emphasis will be particularly on bilateral relations between the two countries, relations which, he said, are getting closer.

Six vehicles hit in parking lot by 'rogue' car

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A car, which hit and damaged five other parked cars in Rehov Shimshon on Mt. Carmel early yesterday morning, was found abandoned with its front smashed into a sixth vehicle not far away.

Police found that the Audi-100 car belonged to a Haifa resident, presently abroad. They are trying to discover the driver, who caused the thousands of shekels worth of damage.



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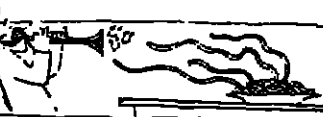
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Libya said besieging Chad town

WASHINGTON (AP). — Between 1,500 and 2,000 Libyan troops, equipped with artillery and armoured vehicles, have besieged the oasis town of Faya-Largeau in northern Chad, the U.S. State Department said yesterday.

"The situation is serious," said John Hughes, the State Department spokesman. "Faya-Largeau is besieged by Libyan troops and Libyan-supported rebels."

An official, who insisted on anonymity, said that most of the Libyan troops have moved into Chad since mid-July. He said they are within 25 to 30 km. of the oasis town where a major struggle for control of Chad has been taking place.

"If there is a major ground assault (involving Libyan troops), I think that we and the French would treat that very seriously," he said.

Hughes also disclosed that two sophisticated AWACS surveillance aircraft dispatched to the region by the Reagan Administration over the weekend in support of the Chad government remain on the ground in Sudan, on Libya's southwest border, along with support aircraft.

The Department said on Saturday that the aircraft will not penetrate Libyan airspace.

In Tripoli yesterday the official Libyan news agency JANA said that the Libyan air force will shoot down the AWACS if they enter Libyan air space. The one-line dispatch did not provide other details.

White House spokesman Larry

Speakes yesterday said that the U.S. will continue to consult with Paris. Asked whether there was any evidence of Soviet assistance to the Libyan forces, Speakes said, "No, nothing specific other than the normal aid."

In Paris, Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson said that France has not been consulted about Washington's decision to send AWACS to monitor the situation in Chad nor of its decision to send U.S. military advisers into the former French colony.

Cheysson returned to Paris on Saturday from a two-week trip to Latin America.

In N'djamena yesterday Chad authorities put on display a man they said was the pilot of a Libyan plane shot down during the weekend at the northern desert outpost of Faya-Largeau.

The pilot of the Soviet-built Sukhoi bomber was identified to 50 journalists and 5,000 civilians present in the palace of congress as Abdassalam Charfadine.

Charfadine, who was shot down on Saturday, said 12 Sukhois were based in the Aouzou strip, a region in northern Chad that Libya occupied in 1973.

In addition to the Sukhois, he said Tupolev-225 were also engaged in action as well as light tanks that returned to Libya when their mission was completed.

Charfadine, who said he had

been trained in Egypt and the Soviet Union, said his orders came directly from a Colonel Massaud, directing operations from Sebha.

President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt yesterday ruled out any Egyptian military hostilities against Libya.

Speaking to reporters in Alexandria, he also denied any link between the Chad situation and Egyptian-American joint military exercises scheduled to start tomorrow in Egypt's Western Desert.

Mubarak was asked about big-power support of the warring factions in Chad and Egypt's interest in a Chad settlement. He said, "We are not interfering in this, we are simply giving advice. We shall never fight our neighbours."

In Kinshasa, Zaire's official news agency said that Zaire will deploy 700 more troops to help Chad in its fight against Libyan-backed insurgents.

The new troops will bring to 2,450 the number of Zairean soldiers sent to Chad since the rebel offensive began in June.

The earlier Zairean troops have been posted in non-combat garrison duty in Chad's capital of N'djamena, freeing government troops to fight in the north. It was not immediately clear if the new troops also would take up duty in N'djamena, nor when they would arrive.

'Troops encouraged anti-Tamil violence'

LONDON. — Sri Lankan President Junius Jayewardene said in a television interview yesterday that Sri Lankan troops and police had sometimes encouraged the anti-Tamil violence in which at least 315 people were killed.

"I think there was a big anti-Tamil feeling among the forces and they felt that shooting the Sinhalese who were rioting would have been anti-Sinhalese, and actually, in some cases, we saw them encouraging them," Jayewardene told a BBC interviewer in Sri Lanka.

Jayewardene also said he was sending his brother as an emissary to Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

"Her southern Indian states have caused a lot of trouble talking of an invasion. They are helping the terrorists, I told her that. They are harbouring them," he added. "That's not a friendly act at all."

The Sri Lankan government announced on Sunday it was taking over all property affected by ethnic violence which has swept the island in recent weeks.

In southern India, religious leaders and prominent citizens converged on Sunday in Madras, the world's largest Tamil-speaking city, to demand Indian government action to protect Sri Lanka's Tamil minority.

Roman Catholic priests, nuns and

lay people, Lutherans, Anglicans and members of the Syrian Orthodox Church joined film stars, politicians and exile leaders in a call for an end to further violence against the Tamils.

The Tamil-language film industry staged a separate march of motion picture artists and workers who shouted slogans such as "Save the lives of Sri Lankan Tamils."

The largest Tamil opposition party announced a month of agitation to protest what it called the "sluggish" attitude of the Indian government toward recent "anti-Tamil atrocities" in Sri Lanka.

With a population of four million, Madras has more Tamils than the three million living in Sri Lanka.

Seoul may return Chinese jet fighter

SEOUL (Reuters). — South Korea may return to China a MiG-21 fighter jet which was flown here on Sunday by an air force defector if a request is made by Peking, foreign ministry officials said yesterday.

Seoul has been trying to improve relations with Peking, with which it has no diplomatic ties, and the arrival of another Chinese defector embarrassed the government, the officials said.

The latest defector, test pilot Sun Tienchin, 46, flew his MiG-21 here after breaking away from a navigational training flight over northeast China, setting off air raid warnings and fears that the country was under air attack from North Korea.

He said he wanted to seek diplomatic asylum in an unnamed third country — believed to be Taiwan — and was presently being debriefed by South Korean intelligence officers.

In Taipei, the Taiwanese defence ministry said Sun would receive a record reward of \$3.5 million in gold for bringing the MiG-21 out of China if he settled in Taiwan.

Winds ease oil pollution threat

CAPE TOWN (Reuters). — Favourable winds yesterday blew a massive oil slick from a wrecked supertanker away from South Africa's Atlantic coast, dispelling fears of a major pollution disaster.

Pollution experts said it was now unlikely that the 150-square kilometre slick, at one time only about six miles offshore, would move back towards the coast. It was now about 26 miles offshore.

Anton Moldan, head of South Africa's marine pollution services, said: "The slick is heading out to sea, spreading and thinning. It will soon be caught in the main Benguela current and that will carry it further out even if the winds turn round again." He said it would eventually break up and disperse in the Atlantic.

The slick was from the 138,822-ton Spanish vessel Castillo de Bellver, which broke in two after a fierce fire on Saturday.

Armenians take blame for French embassy bombing

TEHRAN (Reuters). — An Armenian guerrilla group waging a violent campaign against French interests in Iran has claimed responsibility for Sunday night's bomb attack on the French embassy and a recent attempt to kidnap an Italian diplomat.

The Tehran bureau of the French news agency Agence France Presse (AFP) said the Armenian "Orly Group" made the claims in a telephone call to its office.

Diplomatic sources said the bomb attack caused some damage to the Egyptian interests section of the French embassy, but no one was hurt.

It was the fourth bomb attack on French targets in Tehran since the beginning of July, all claimed by the same group.

The sources said the attempted kidnapping took place eight days ago when two men posing as police

tried to abduct an Italian diplomat, who was not named, outside his house while getting into a car with his wife.

A later telephone call to AFP by the Orly Group made it clear that its people believed their target was a Frenchman.

When the diplomat refused to go with the men, they produced a gun and poured petrol over the car and tried to set it alight with a match.

The match would not light, so the attackers threw sticks of dynamite under the car, which failed to explode. Finally, the attackers ran off and the diplomat and his wife escaped into their house, the sources said.

The Orly Group is demanding the release of some 50 Armenian activists detained in France last month after a bomb attack on the Turkish Airlines desk at Paris' Orly airport which killed seven people.

Experts ponder motives for Soviet chess boycott

MOSCOW (Reuters). — A Soviet boycott of two crucial competition matches has plunged the chess world into crisis and left fans and officials puzzled over what Moscow hoped to achieve.

Soviet grandmasters Garry Kasparov and Vasily Smyslov both stayed away from their semi-final ties in the current contest to find a challenger for Russian world champion Anatoly Karpov.

The official reason given in an increasingly vitriolic Soviet campaign was that the president of the International Chess Federation (FIDE), Florencio Campomanes, had ignored the wishes of the players before choosing venues for the games.

Both Soviet and Western chess experts in Moscow said the reasoning behind the boycott appeared to be far more complex, but they offered differing interpretations of Soviet motives. Some said they believed the Soviet chess federation was out to destroy FIDE and establish a new world organization under its own control. Others suspected a subtle plot aimed at ensuring that Karpov retained the crown for a few more years.

Grandmaster Garry Kasparov, 20, was due to meet Soviet defector Viktor Korchnoi in Pasadena, California, on Saturday.

After he failed to appear, FIDE awarded the match and prize money to Korchnoi, who has twice faced Karpov in world championship finals and lost.

The second Soviet player, former world champion Vasily Smyslov, has already declared he would not take part in his scheduled semi-final tie with Hungary's Zoltan Ribli, which was set for Abu Dhabi.

Strike delays overseas telephone calls

NEW YORK (AP). — A nationwide strike against the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. went into its second day yesterday with delays of up to 30 minutes reported in the service, including operator-assisted international calls.

Sports Triumph and tragedy



Post Sports Staff and Agencies

High drama continued to mark the World Track and Field Championships in Helsinki, with triumphs for some alternating with tragedies for others in yesterday's final events. In the final of the women's 100 m., Evelyn Ashford (U.S.), the world record-holder, who had won her semi-final in magnificent style, suddenly dropped out of the race with a damaged hamstring muscle. She was taken off on a stretcher. Marlies Gohr of East Germany won the event, with her compatriot Marita Koch second and Diane Williams (U.S.) third. Gohr's time was 10.97 sec.s, Koch's 11.02 and Williams 11.06.

The 100 m. men's final, to determine who was entitled to call himself the fastest man on earth, was expected to be a duel between two Americans, Carl Lewis and Calvin Smith, both of whom had won their heats with ease. The result justified expectations. They outstripped their rivals, and, in a final magnificent burst, Lewis gained the gold medal, Smith taking the Silver, and Emmit King (U.S.) the bronze. Lewis clocked 10.07 and shook his head in disappointment when he saw his time on the board. Smith had 10.21 and King 10.24. Britain's Olympic champion Alan Wells was fourth.

The other final yesterday was the triple jump. Crowd-pleasing exhibitionist Willie Bank seemed to have the event safely sewn up, having jumped 17.18 m., when an obscure 24-year-old Pole, Zdzislaw Hoffmann, produced a sensational triple leap of 17.35 on his fifth jump. Bank had a sixth effort, and cleared over 17.50, but the judges ruled that it was a foul. He then turned to the crowd, and led them into enthusiastic applause for Hoffmann as he jumped for the sixth time — to reach a sensational 17.42 m.

Poland won another gold medal when Edward Sarul won the men's shot put with a heave of 21.39 m. Ulf Timmerman of East Germany was second at 21.16 and Remigius Machura of Czechoslovakia third at 20.98.

Olympic high jump champion Sara Simeoni of Italy was also carried off on a stretcher, after pulling a leg muscle when approaching the bar at 1.87 m.

Israel Television will be telecasting live from Helsinki at 1600 and 1730 hours today.

SCOREBOARD

TENNIS. — With their victories in the 4th U.S. Open Clay Court Championships, tennis stars Andrej Panjavec of Hungary and Jimmy Arias of the United States have put themselves on a road followed by the likes of American tennis greats Jimmy Connors and Chris Evert Lloyd.

Arias, who will be 19 next week, scored a comeback triumph over Andrej Gombosi of Ecuador. The jet-like serves of Gombosi had Arias in trouble frequently before he recorded a 6-4, 2-6, 6-4 decision after losing three of the first four games in the final set.

CRICKET. — Yorkshire held on to top spot in the John Player league on Sunday with a four-wicket win over Lancashire at Headingley. Tight bowling and brilliant fielding restricted Lancashire to 162 in its 40 overs, 31 of which came in the last two overs. The home team won the match with seven balls to spare.

At Bournemouth the New Zealand tourists gained a confidence booster three days before the third test match crushing Hampshire — the highest-scoring county in the championship by nine wickets. The tourists needed only 60 to win at start of play and reached the target in 11 overs and 44 minutes. The match ended in spectacular style with Jeff Croft slamming three consecutive boundaries off Mark Nicholas.

SOCCER. — European champion Hamburg of West Germany won a four-goal soccer tournament with a 3-2 win over Standard Liege of Belgium.

English champions Liverpool, three times winners of the European Cup, finished in last place when they were beaten 4-1 on penalties by Feyenoord after the teams were level 3-3 at the end of 90 minutes.

John Kryff, Vermeulen and Houtman scored for Feyenoord while Mark Lawrence (2) and Kenny Dalgleish replied for Liverpool.

Baseball: Sunday

American League Texas 4-0, Cleveland 3-7; Detroit 6, New York 5; Chicago 4, Baltimore 3; Oakland 6, Minnesota 0; Milwaukee 9, Toronto 6; Kansas City 1, Boston 0; California 4, Seattle 3.

National League Montreal 6, Pittsburgh 0; Philadelphia 5, St. Louis 2; New York 6, Chicago 4; Miami 4, Atlanta 5; Los Angeles 2, Cincinnati 5; San Diego 3; Houston 2, San Francisco 1.

Youth tennis loss

VIENNA (Itim). — Israel's Youth Tennis Team was beaten 3-2 by the British team in the Valero Cup. Amos Mansdorf won his singles 7-6, 1-6, 6-4, and, in partnership with Gilad Bloom, won the doubles 6-2, 6-4. Russell Myers, Bloom and Menashe Tsar all lost their singles matches.

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Aridor's balloons

THE SWEET LIFE recklessly promised by the present government to the people of Israel must come to an end in order to avert an economic catastrophe. This much can be gauged from the proposals for a \$55 billion slash in the government budget submitted by the Treasury yesterday to the ministerial economic committee.

These plans do not amount to an economic programme, and there is much about them that is vague and perplexing. What is beyond question is that the main sufferers from the cuts in welfare, health and education would be the lower middle class, wage earners and young couples. It is these groups, in the main, that would carry the burden of the proposed taxation of allowances for the first two children in families that have no more than two, the abolition of state-financed extra-curricular programmes in schools, and the introduction of fees for medical services.

This was as expected. As expected, too, the Treasury's plans offer no indication that any attempt will be made, for example, to cut aid for settlement in Judea and Samaria, the total annual cost of which is believed to reach IS30 billion.

What remains unclear is how serious the Treasury really is about its proposed budget cuts, outside of those in welfare, health and education. Certainly the defence minister will not be the only cabinet member to put up stubborn resistance to the Treasury's ideas, and it is moot how far Finance Minister Yoram Aridor will go in trying to overcome that opposition.

There is, in fact, an air of unreality surrounding the proposals. The suspicion is already rife that the Treasury is merely pretending to make an all-out effort to slash the budget — and that its much publicized proposals are mainly a smokescreen to cover up its true intentions, which lie in the field of major new taxation and exchange rate policies.

These are hard times. Only harsh measures will correct the follies of Mr. Aridor's "proper economics," in its several versions. The public doubtless appreciates this. But the public is at least entitled to learn what it is the Treasury has in store for it in terms of an overall economic programme. The present half-measures only help drive the public into a frenzy of uncertainty and nervousness.

Streamlining the army

THE GROUND Forces Command, approved by the cabinet on Sunday, did not come into the world without protracted birth pangs.

For close on a decade the IDF has been grappling with the concept of a unified command for the ground forces (armour, infantry, artillery and engineers). But successive chiefs of staff manfully resisted any attempt to drive a wedge, as it were, between them and direct control of the ground forces in time of war, or to limit their direct input in terms of training these forces for war.

It was for these reasons that both Mordechai Gur and Rafael Eitan opposed the proposals set out by Aluf Israel Tal, although these same proposals won the endorsement in 1979 of the then defence minister, Ezer Weizman, and of his deputy, Mordechai Zupori, who effectively ran the ministry for a year after Mr. Weizman's resignation.

In Defence Minister Moshe Arens, however, the idea of a Ground Forces Command has found an enthusiastic supporter. Mr. Arens argued, correctly, that the only branch of the army that had done little, if any, soul-searching since the Yom Kippur War is the ground forces. In an effort to bypass the debate that blocked all reform in the past, Mr. Arens agreed to a compromise: the new command would take away none of the chief of staff's powers of operational control, but would nevertheless provide a mechanism through which the ground forces could be welded into a unified and more efficient whole. This modified command, too, would not draw away talented officers from the field, as was feared.

The formula approved by the cabinet — after being endorsed by Rav Aluf Moshe Levy — is rather a far cry from the original Tal proposals for a separate ground-forces arm of the IDF, similar to the navy and air force. It will streamline the IDF without effecting any major change in the present structure of the defence establishment. But at least it is a step in the right direction.

Slump of uncertainty

By NICOLAS B. TATRO

LEBANON IS suffering from its worst business slump in recent years, the result in part of what economists describe as a "psychological recession."

"It is not a question of peace or war, but not knowing which it will be," says Wajdi Moawad, chairman of the board and managing director of the First Phoenician Bank in Beirut.

"We are living a quasi-normal life, going to the office every day and meeting people. But there is nothing really happening. People are just watching, waiting."

The chill that has fallen on Lebanon's economy is linked to the failure to get Syrian, Israeli and Palestinian forces to withdraw.

Israel's withdrawal from central Lebanon has added to the uncertainty. Questions exist as to whether Lebanon's army will be able to expand state control to the vacated area or whether the country will become embroiled in a new round of sectarian warfare that ends in partition.

The money is still around. Lebanon's nearly 90 banks are awash in cash, with about 60 billion lira (or \$13.2 billion) in deposits. But there is little investment. Real estate and construction business has slowed to a crawl. Exports have fallen sharply, and remittances sent home by Lebanese working abroad are declining.

"The problem in many ways is

psychological since businessmen and merchants don't know how to plan in such a climate," says Moawad.

PRESIDENT AMIN JEMAYEL'S government is the first in eight years of civil war and unrest to enforce customs collections and import regulations. The result has been a further dampening of commerce and complaints from Beirut's merchants, who say they are forced to pay taxes while their competitors in the Syrian-held north and Israeli-controlled south smuggle in goods duty-free.

"The government is in a dilemma," says Moawad. "Either it has to enforce its right to collect taxes and customs duties, or it doesn't use its prerogatives and thereby loses them."

Mohammed Lamaa of Beirut's Chamber of Commerce, which publishes the few statistics available on the Lebanese economy, said in an interview: "The stagnation is due to questions about security and politics."

Lebanon's trade route to the rest of the Arab world is the Beirut-Damascus highway, which is frequently closed by Christian-Druse fighting in the central mountains and intra-Palestinian clashes in the Bekaa Valley.

Before Israel's invasion, for example, Syrian merchants used Lebanon as a conduit to import

televisions, appliances, whisky and cigarettes. Now the market has dried up.

Beirut Chamber of Commerce figures show that trade has declined by 76 per cent from 2.7 billion lira (\$600m.) to 648 million lira (\$144m.) in the first four months of 1983 compared to the same period in 1982.

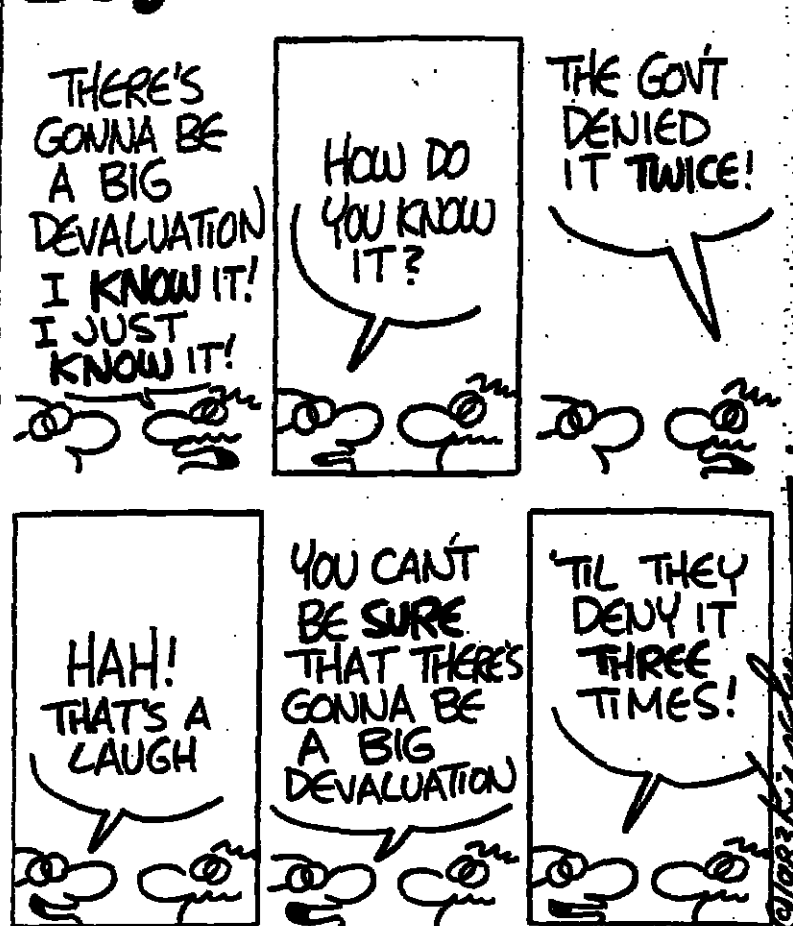
Most of the trade losses came in the Arab world: Iraq imported 83 per cent less in 1983 than in the first four months of 1982; Kuwait 50 per cent less; and Syria 75 per cent less.

Lebanese economy-watchers said some losses came because importers doubted Lebanon's ability to deliver goods while fighting was going on in several parts of the country. Others feared exports from Lebanon might contain Israeli goods. There was also a trend in the Arab world toward belt-tightening, brought on by declining oil incomes.

WHEN JEMAYEL took office last September, the economy was booming even though the nation of four million was just emerging from a war that had resulted in several billion dollars worth of damage to homes, businesses and public utilities.

"The level of confidence has declined sharply since then," says the president of the stockbrokers' association in Lebanon. "For the first time people are talking about partition, and when people are

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afraid of the future, they are afraid to invest."

This was reflected in the stock market, where trading is down, he added.

"If the situation stays stagnant like it is now for another year, then Lebanon will have some real economic problems. There will be bankruptcies and unemployment," he said, noting that a cargo airline had already laid off 300 workers and

a cement company 150.

He helped put together a 100-million-lira (\$22m.) deal in which Saudi Arabian businessmen bought the war-damaged Hilton Hotel in Beirut last January. Almost daily, says there are inquiries from Arab investors about possible future projects, an indication that the investment market could recover quickly if there is an improvement in the security climate. (Associated Press)

Lessons from Ansar

By MICHAEL BEN MEIR

their cooking stoves.

The army supplies sports facilities like volleyball and nets and footballs, and the detainees exercise freely, whenever they want.

A NUMBER of detainees who are university graduates, including some from Israeli universities, often speak to the inmates on whatever they want. Even when anti-Israeli speeches are made, we do not interfere. They curse, swear and spit at us. We do not interfere.

Every night they make a deafening noise which includes rhythmic shouts, the scraping of tins on pans, etc. We do not interfere.

Every evening the army broadcasts Arabic music on the loudspeakers and broadcasts the 7:30 p.m. Arabic news.

I've heard of many cases where detainees were released by the army only to return to the camp of their own free will. There are several reasons: firstly, their families don't want to see them again because of their disgust with the PLO. Secondly, families are afraid of Christian and Phalange revenge if the family is known to have a PLO member in its midst. Thirdly, there are those who

"feel at home" with their inmates and feel insecure without them.

I remember an incident in which the inmates of one compound set alight 40 of their tents and refused to be counted. The area was surrounded by our soldiers and the unbelievable happened. The inmates threw large boulders and rocks onto the soldiers, injuring four. One soldier in my unit needed seven stitches in his forehead. Not one soldier opened fire in self-defence, not one soldier cursed them openly, not one soldier lost control of himself, not one soldier claimed "There's a limit," not one soldier claimed "Soldiers Against Silence."

Why? These are the real soldiers of Israel, the incredible Israeli soldier who has the ability to stand upright, remain steadfast and be impossibly humane, even to the extent of preventing enemy losses, against the bombardment of boulders and rocks, threats and the sheer madness of the inmates.

WHY MADNESS? In the second week of May, a Lebanese Arab raced up to one of our roadblocks,

bent on his hands and knees and wailed: "Help me, take me out of this country. They've killed my son." A PLO squad had suspected he was working for the Israelis so they took hold of his young son, literally ripped his arms and legs from his body and threw the remains at the door of his father's house. Yes, this happened in May, 1983.

It is just one of the horrifying and ghastly examples of the type of barbaric human beings who belong to the PLO. One hears and witnesses similar cases even in the camp itself. Many of the inmates have performed similar bloodthirsty tasks during the eight years of terror in Lebanon — eight years of terror which had nothing to do with Palestine, or of liberating it.

EVERY MORNING, the inmates are counted by the military police. About six MPs enter each compound unarmed. It is an incredible sight to see six unarmed Israeli soldiers enter a compound containing hundreds of inmates who, after spending a year in a detention

camp, no doubt have the urge to pounce on our soldiers.

These soldiers told me of the extremely tense atmosphere. Yet, thanks to the cool-headed and highly intelligent commander of the camp, the inmates have been gradually persuaded that the Israeli Army does not intend to harass or intimidate them.

After 21 days in the camp, I returned home to Israel on leave. If it wasn't for my family, I would have gone back to Lebanon the next morning. The disgusting behaviour of my own people now living in Israel under safe conditions, using war victims as balls in their ping-pong politics demoralizes me.

After spending a month with the detainees in Ansar, it is clear to me that many of them will return to the PLO, and quickly.

So my message to all the ping-pong political demonstrators demanding the immediate return of all our soldiers, is this: it is better to keep our soldiers there until we secure our northern borders and settlements rather than bring them back immediately.

Any precipitate action now would allow the PLO, and maybe Syria, to return to the areas left by the IDF. And that would mean yet another operation to push them out again, which in turn would entail many more losses.

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READERS' LETTERS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir — After presenting his formula for a solution of the present conflict with the Arabs, Meir Merhav (July 17) writes: "And I doubt that the opposition, held in thrall by Herut chauvinism, will, if it ever comes back into power, have the imagination and find the strength to adopt such a course."

Almost all Merhav's proposals have been advocated by the Labour Alignment's official spokesmen. In the Knesset debate on June 8, Mr. Peres proposed that "the IDF withdraw from the central and eastern sectors" of Lebanon "in the next few days," and from the rest of Lebanon, after suitable security arrangements, within a few months — whatever the attitude of the Syrians might be.

Mr. Peres also proposed that the Syrians be warned that any movement on their part beyond their present lines would be regarded as a *cassus belli* — though this proposal was criticized by Yitzhak Rabin and has not been specifically adopted as official policy.

There is, of course, no need to recognize the "legitimate rights of the Palestinian people," as these have been recognized in the Camp David accords. The question is: what are these rights and how shall they be implemented while

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safeguarding the legitimate rights of Israel?

Labour is on record as willing to talk to the Syrians on a solution of, *inter alia*, the problem of the Golan Heights: Secretary-General Haim Bar Lev was viciously denounced for reiterating that fact to a visiting statesman.

Labour is on record as favouring talks with Palestinian representatives willing to recognize Israel's right to exist — Palestinians accep-

table to the PLO have not been excluded. Surely Merhav would not give the PLO a right of veto on the composition of a Palestinian delegation.

I wonder why commentators who start with a trenchant analysis of the errors and misdeeds of the Begin government feel obliged (to show their impartiality?) to take an unjustified swipe at the opposition, thus weakening the only force that can replace this government and helping it to cling to office.

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POSTSCRIPTS

PS. ANOTHER strange story about Egged comes from a Jerusalemite who relates: "My husband and I had to make a return trip from Jerusalem to Haifa. By mistake, both of us bought two tickets. After the journey, I telephoned the public relations department of Egged to ask where I could get a refund."

"The first reply was that this was impossible; there are no refunds. When I expressed disbelief, I was told that I could get a refund only two weeks after the next rise in fares (date a secret), when the tickets would no longer be valid. This, I was informed, is a regulation of the Ministry of Transport. Not content with this, I phoned other departments at Egged and received inconsistent, unclear replies, all of which added up to the fact that the tickets could not be refunded."

"Meanwhile, a friend told me that he had returned tickets in a room on the first floor of the Jerusalem Central Bus Station (entrance via an unmarked door located just after the ticket windows). He had received a full refund."

for long distance tickets bought in error.

"When I went to this room, I received a courteous reception and a full refund from a pleasant woman whose job this is. Why this excellent Egged service should be so hidden remains a mystery to me."

"When I rang the public relations department at Egged to inform them about the possibility of receiving a refund, the person on duty refused to accept the authenticity of my information. Curiouser and curioier."

PS. TAIWAN is the latest country to ban all video-game parlours. A police spokesman said the blanket ban was imposed because "some schoolchildren had become juvenile delinquents, stealing, robbing and fighting after they got hooked on video games."

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